Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St. Brigid & Our Lady of the Assumption

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

JOSEPH ROSE AND TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT AND DEPARTED FOR EGYPT. *Matthew 2:14*

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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Offices Are Located At:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

Mass Times

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM (June - Sept.)
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM (Oct. - May)

Pastoral & Administrative Staff

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager
Safe Env. Coordinator

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Monica Hamilton McCarthy, *Bulletin & Web Editor**

*Bulletin items must be emailed to monica.hamilton@stbrigidparish.org in the body of the email, or as an attached Word document. Deadline is noon the preceding Thursday. We prioritize parish and local events, space is limited so items may only appear once, and are run on a first-come, first served basis. For ad space, call Pilot Bulletins at 617.779.3771. Monica is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Melissa Turner, *Administrative Assistant, Cantor*

Sacraments of the Church

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

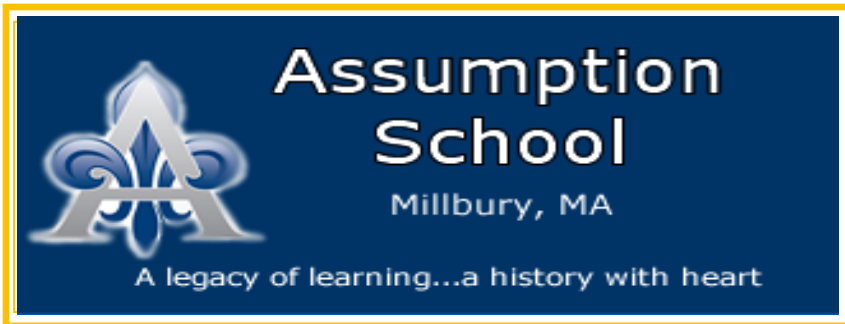
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

How to Reach Us

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3 PM, with a half-hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.



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Millbury, MA 01527
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www.assumptionschoolmillbury.org

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 28
4:00 PM **James Tabor (Birthday)**
By: The Family

Sun., Dec. 29
7:00 AM **Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.**
By: Kaye Peltier
9:00 AM **Roger Bourdeau (29th Anniversary)**
By: Aline Bourdeau
11:30 AM **Rochelle Laporte**
By: Her Family

Mon., Dec 30
9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury and St. Jude**

Tues., Dec. 31—New Year's Eve, No Vigil Mass
7:00 AM **Helen Trainor**
By: Fr. Dan

Wed., Jan. 1—Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of Mary
9:00 AM **Louise Richard**
@ OLA By: Sr. Jeanne

Thurs. Jan.2
9:00 AM **Craig Magnuson (7th Anniversary)**
By: His Wife

Sat., Jan. 4
4:00 PM **Lillian Dziembowski (1st Anniversary)**
By: Her Family

Sun., Jan. 5
7:00 AM **Anna, Edward & John Jr. Volungis**
By: The Family
9:00 AM **Ruth & Bill Hobey**
By: The Family
11:30 AM **Christina Erickson**
By: The Family

(N.B. Mass Intentions are handwritten in the official Daily Mass Record Book. Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

CPO Office Hours and Holy Day Schedule

The Catholic Parishes of Millbury Offices at 59 Main Street were closed Christmas Week. We will open again Monday, Dec. 30, close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31, and be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9 am at Assumption January 1. There is no Holy Day Vigil Mass.

Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us at Blessed Sacrament Church. 551 Pleasant St., Worcester for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sunday, January 19 at 2 pm.**
"They showed us unusual kindness." (Acts 28:2)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, 9 AM at Assumption
AS: T. & F. Jakubiak
L: J. Mazeika
EM: K Buron, N. Tabor

Saturday, January 4, 4 PM at St. Brigid
AS: T. Yaz, R. Prue, J. Prue
L: D. Wunn
EM: H. Quan, J. Nietupski, K. Buron, K. Livitre

Sunday, January 5, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: J. Mazeika
L: J. Mazeika
EM: M. & B. Blunt

Sunday, January 5, 9:00 AM at Assumption
AS: D. Dorsey, H. Dorsey
L: C. Brady
EM: L. Flagg, A. Bourdeau, T. Tronerud, M. Spino

Sunday, January 5, 11:30 AM at St. Brigid
AS: D. Piselli
L: J. Piselli
EM: M. Piscetelli, C. Miginni

Scripture for the week of December 29, 2019

29	SUN	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
30	Mon	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31	Tue	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
1	Wed	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
2	Thu	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
3	Fri	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
4	Sat	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
5	SUN	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands…Husbands, love your wives…Children, obey your parents in everything… Fathers, do not provoke your children…"
(Colossians 3:18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURNING DEC. 28-JAN. 3

Our Lady of the Assumption
In Loving Memory of
The Bergeron Family
Requested by: John

St. Brigid
In Loving Memory of
James Tabor (Birthday)
Requested by: The Family

In Loving Memory of
Rochelle Laporte
Requested by: The Family

In Loving Memory of
Raymond DeRouin (5th Anniversary)
Requested by: The Family

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**
Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed monthly.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373
If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

In Loving Memory

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the souls of **Francis J. Trainor** and who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Albina Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.

Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel

Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Richard P. Raymond
Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy

Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 28
NO EVENTS

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 29
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ OLAC/OLAH 9 AM
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 30
AA @ SBH 7 PM
GA @ OLAH 8-9:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARISH OFFICES CLOSING AT NOON
NO Holy Hour/Confession @ SBC 6 PM
OA @ SBH 6:30-8 PM
NO Choir Rehearsal @ SBC 7 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ JANUARY 1
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at OLAC 9 AM
NO Prayer Shawl @ SBH 7 PM*

THURSDAY ~ JANUARY 2
Rosary @ CPO 6 PM
NO Girl Scouts @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
Cub Scouts @ SBH 6-8 PM

FRIDAY ~ JANUARY 3
NO EVENTS

SATURDAY ~ JANUARY 4
NO EVENTS

SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 5
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ OLAC/OLAH 9 AM
Grade 2 Faith Formation @ OLAH 10-11:20 AM
Baptism Prep Class @ SBC 10:45 AM
Grade 9 & 10 Faith Formation @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

*Please Note: There is NO Prayer Shawl on Jan. 1. The next meeting will be February 5.

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

Adult Faith Formation continues in 2020. Remaining dates are:

January 8
January 22
February 12
March 4
March 18
March 25

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

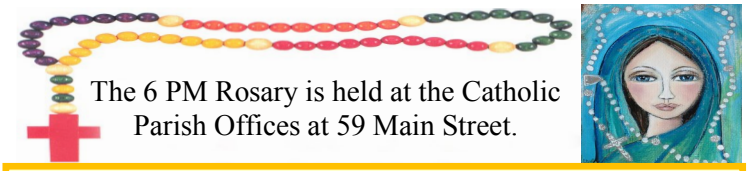
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Snacks, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Chicken

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP
Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508) 752-4232



The 6 PM Rosary is held at the Catholic Parish Offices at 59 Main Street.

ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. Call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 28	**Chris Brady**
Saturday, January 4	**Jan Hanratty**
Saturday, January 12	**Jan Hanratty**

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion. If you have a friend or relative who is a member of St. Brigid or Assumption and in a nursing home who would like to be visited and/or receive Communion, please call Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624. You bringing this to our attention is the only way we can be sure that our parishioners are visited.

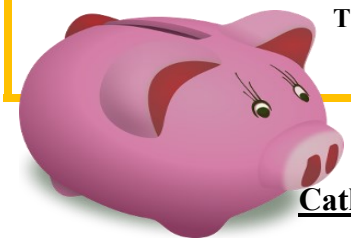
Snow Policy: No School/No Mass
For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
December 29—Debt
January 5—Debt

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
Weekend of December 14-15, 2019

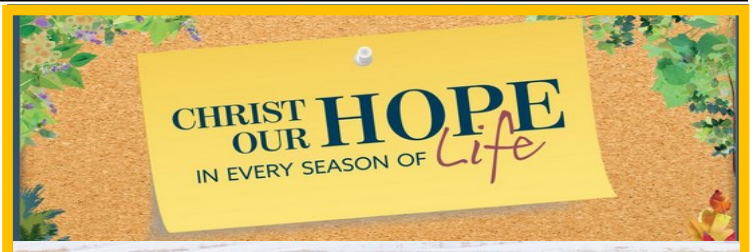
Regular Weekly Collection	$6,687.00
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$372.00
Electronic Giving (Dec. 13-19, 2019)	$815.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$7,874.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$120.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$976.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$258.00
Mass Stipends	$50.00
Candles	$50.00
In Remembrance	$100.00
Faith Formation	$25.00
SVDP	$5.00
Immaculate Conception	$143.00
Christmas Flowers	$240.00
Christmas Special Offering	$266.00
Christmas	$160.00
Solemnity of Mary	$55.00
Mustard Seed	$5.00
Total Other Income	**$2,453.00**
Total Income	**$10,327.00**



Thank you for your continued support of The Catholic Parishes of Millbury!

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
Dec. 5-11, 2019

Payroll (*week ending 12/7)*	$4,249.39
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$70.40
Payroll Taxes	$1,715.58
Cardmember Services (*Supplies*)	$761.72
Clergy Benefits (*Insurance*)	$503.50
Colonial Life (*Insurance*)	$20.07
J.E. Bengtson (*Plowing*)	$2,600.00
Verizon (*Phones*)	$261.46
Mike Lynch (*Plowing & Sanding*)	$3,420.00
Ray's True Value (*Maintenance Supplies*)	$115.49
UMM Hauling (*Trash*)	$117.74
W.B. Mason (*Office Supplies*)	$97.02
Goretti's (*Mustard Seed*)	$22.57
National Grid (*Electric*)	$224.38
Sisters of the Assumption (*Stipends*)	$440.00
RC Diocese (*Insurance*)	$188.00
Total Monies Paid	**$14,807.32**



Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations.

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed.

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Word of Life — December 29th

"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Living Out Christmas in the New Year"

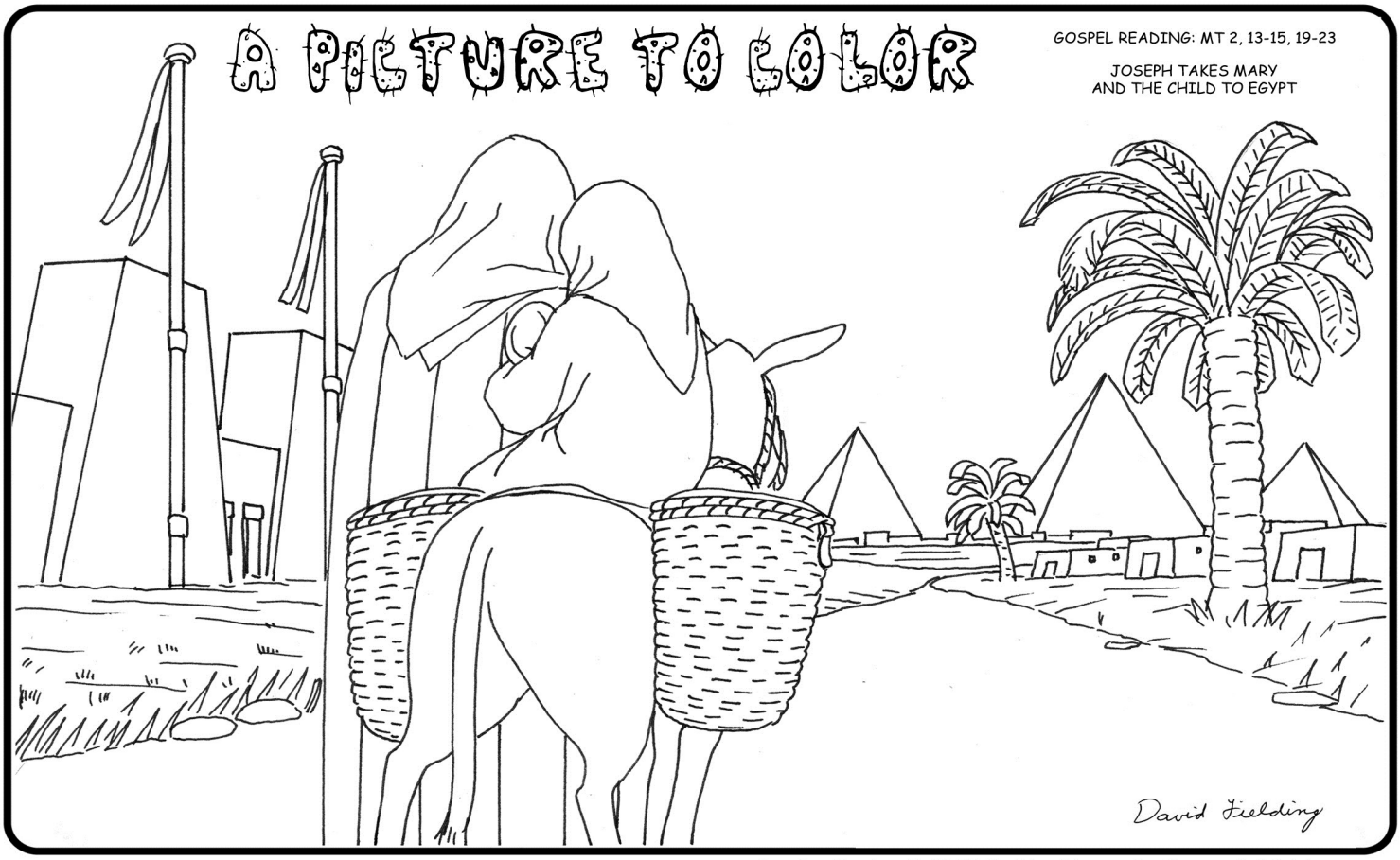
Faith Facts & Fun Activities

Saint of the Week

St. Basil the Great, 329-379
Memorial—January 2

Born in Caesarea, capital of Cappadocia (central Turkey), Basil studied rhetoric there and in Constantinople and Athens. He was baptized with his friend, St. Gregory Nazianzen, about 358 and ordained around 365. After being chosen bishop of Caesarea in 370, he championed the faith defined at the Council of Nicaea and refuted the Arian heresy. Many of his homilies and treatises are extant, and the monastic Rule of St. Basil is still observed in the Eastern Church. He is revered as a Doctor of the Church. On his feast day, remember St. Basil said, "Do everything possible to make yourself worthy of the Kingdom. Do not disdain the invitation you have received." (St. Basil the Great, Exhortation to Baptism, 7-8, as quoted in Advent and Christmas with the Church Fathers [2010], 33).

"St. Basil, in a much-quoted homily, once declared that the bread we clutch in our hands belongs to the starving, the cloak we keep locked in our closet belongs to the naked, the shoes we are not using belong to the barefooted. In these ways in the post-biblical age Christians strove to keep a religious perspective on their use of material things." —Msgr. Charles Murphy, "The Good ...Life from a Catholic Perspective: ...The Challenge of Consumption"...on USCCB.org



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Youth & Family Faith Formation

Grade 2 Christmas Pageant and Cookies with Santa Dec. 15

The Third Week of Advent Mass at Assumption Church on Dec. 15 featured the Grade 2 Christmas Pageant, followed by Cookies with Santa in the Church Hall. More pictures on the next page. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Faith Formation

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grade 2	January 5, 12 & 26 10:00-11:20
Grades 3 & 4	January 12 & 26 10:00 - 11:20AM
Grades 5 & 6	January 13 & 27 6:00 - 7:30PM
Grades 7 & 8	January 12 & 20(Mon) 6:00-7:30PM
Grade 9 & 10	January 5 & 26 6:00-7:30PM

Kids of all ages enjoyed visiting with Santa and his helpers at Our Lady of Assumption Church hall on December 15.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School Christmas Program

Assumption School held its Annual Christmas Program on Friday, December 13th, in Assumption Church. The whole school took part and it was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Senior Center and Local News

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

RMV TRANSACTIONS

Every Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM
We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for License, Registration, Mass I.D. and Placard Cards along with Change of Address!
Call us for an appointment! (508) 865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 AM – 2 PM
Call for an appointment & required documentation 508-865-9154

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

MAHJONG GAME

Every Monday, 12:45 P.M. – 3:35 P.M.

Craft Classes
Wednesdays from 9:30-11 AM

Pastel Dreamers Coloring Classes
Thursdays 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Bridge Club
Fridays at 12:30 PM
Call 508-865-9154 for info about any program.

Cribbage Club
Join us every Monday at 1PM
for our Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at noon to make it a fun filled day! ***Noon lunch every Monday - Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.***

Millbury Senior Center's MEMORY CAFÉ

Join us for a Memory Café : **Tues., Jan. 28, 2 - 3:30 PM**
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It's a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time. Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments are served. Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, will answer questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Exercise Classes at the Senior Center

Drop in for any of our ongoing health and wellness classes at the Senior Center. Call 508.865.9154 for information about classes.
Light Exercise... Mondays & Fridays 9:30-10:15 AM (FREE)
Low Impact
Tai Chi… Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:15 AM ($3)
Great for Balance!
Zumba Gold.. Tuesdays 10:45 -11:30 AM (FREE) Fun Class!
Yoga… Friday 10:30 P.M. - 11:15 A.M. (FREE) **All New!**

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar. 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr. 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

Festival of Lessons and Carols in Clinton

The Sacred Music Series at St. John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton continues with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on **Sat., Jan.11 at 7 p.m.** Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music led by the Upper School Chorus of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Still River, under the direction of Michael Olbash. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center of Clinton. This event was a resounding success last year—help us make it even bigger and better this year! Located at 80 Union St. in Clinton and the church is ramp accessible.